

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Denali National Park

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Park Service Subsistence Resource
Commission-Denali National Park

3b. GSA

Committee No.

554

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

08/08/2012

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

P.L. 96-487

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 96-487

13. Effective Date

12/02/1980

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this
Fiscal Year

17a. Open 2 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 2 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Develop and continue work on NPS subsistence program recommendations, and other related regulatory proposals.	10/25/2017	10/25/2017
Develop and continue work on NPS subsistence program recommendations, and other related regulatory proposals.	08/28/2018	08/29/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$98,429.00	\$98,500.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$3,500.00	\$5,500.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$2,300.00	\$4,500.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$1,100.00	\$1,500.00
18d. Total	\$105,329.00	\$110,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.15	1.15

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Commission is an advisory group. Federal law and regulation provide the opportunity for continued subsistence uses, including hunting, within the Denali National Park. The Subsistence Resource Commission for Denali National Park is a forum that promotes effective communication and mutual understanding of subsistence uses and related cultural resources. The Commission consults with every appropriate local advisory committee and regional council for comment and input on draft hunting plan recommendations. In addition to the advisory committee and regional council consultation process directed by P.L. 96-847 (the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act), the Commission is required to hold public meetings in all areas affected by the subsistence hunting program. The 9-member Denali National Park Subsistence Resource Commission met on October 25, 2017, and developed recommendation on federal subsistence wildlife proposals for the 2018-2020 wildlife regulatory cycle. On August 28, 2018, the Commission met and developed hunting recommendations for moose retrieval with all terrain vehicles within Denali National Park near Cantwell and deliberated on the following: NPS and Nenana Tribal Council partnerships; Possible studies related to climate, habitat, and fish and wildlife populations.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership, as prescribed by the Commission's enabling legislation, consists of nine members as follows: (a) three members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior; (b) three members appointed by the Governor of Alaska; and (c) three members appointed by the regional council, as established by the Secretary or the State pursuant to section 805 of P.L. 96-487. The members include a range of individuals having personal knowledge of the region's subsistence conditions, and having an interest in Federal subsistence management.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Meetings are generally held twice a year, or as often as circumstances require. Commission recommendations are vitally important on matters relating to the taking of wildlife within the park, and are the foundation for the development and review of the subsistence hunting program. The Commission conducted meetings in October 2017 and August 2018.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Subsistence Resource Commission for Denali National Park has been established by the Congress to devise and recommend to the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Alaska a program for subsistence hunting within Denali National Park. The Commission's unique insight on local customary and traditional patterns of subsistence use within the park has been important in developing workable subsistence hunting plan recommendations. The Commission's recommendations will help the NPS to ensure the continuation of the opportunity for local rural residents to engage in the subsistence use of resources in Denali National Park and Preserve. The NPS has adopted the following mission statement to guide its activities. Subsistence will be managed as a legislated use consistent with the provisions of ANILCA (Section 202(3)), the Organic Act of 1916, and Denali's enabling legislation to:

- protect the opportunity for qualified local rural residents to continue traditional subsistence activities;
- recognize that subsistence ways of life differ from region to region and are continuing to evolve, and where appropriate, park management practices may reflect regional diversity and evolution;
- promote local involvement and participation in processes associated with subsistence management;
- ensure that management practices involving the utilization of public lands adequately consider the potential for restriction of subsistence uses and impacts upon subsistence resources;
- ensure that management of park resources is consistent with the conservation of unimpaired ecosystems and natural and healthy populations of fish and wildlife, incorporating scientific data and principles with traditional knowledge and cultural values; and
- promote effective communication and mutual understanding of subsistence uses and related cultural and social values, and park purposes and protection, between the NPS, subsistence users, the State of Alaska and the public.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open.

21. Remarks

Two meetings were held in FY 2018. (1) EXPECTED CHARTER RENEWAL DATE -- The FACA section 14(b) biennial rechartering requirement has been waived for this committee by P.L. 102-525, October 26, 1992. (2) EXPECTED COMMITTEE TERMINATION DATE/TERMINATION AUTHORITY -- The Commission's enabling legislation, P.L. 96-487, provides for continuation of the Commission into the foreseeable future, without termination. (3) MEMBERSHIP -- In accordance with the Commission Charter and with P.L. 102-525, members may continue to serve after the expiration of their terms until successors are appointed.

Designated Federal Officer

Don Striker Superintendent, Denali National Park

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alexia, Michael	11/04/2015	11/04/2018	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Burney, Jeff	11/04/2015	11/04/2020	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Collins, Miki	11/04/2008	11/04/2020	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Collins, Raymond	02/17/2015	11/01/2019	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Dementi, Eleanor	11/04/2015	11/04/2018	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Erhart, Lester	11/04/2015	11/04/2018	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Green, Pamela	11/04/2009	11/04/2018	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Lord, Victor	11/01/2016	11/01/2019	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Roberts, James	11/04/2015	11/01/2019	Subsistence User	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

The Subsistence Resource Commission for Denali National Park was established by Congress to devise and recommend to the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Alaska a program for subsistence hunting within Denali National Park. The Commission's unique insight on local customary and traditional patterns of subsistence use within the park has been important in developing workable subsistence hunting plan recommendations. The Commission's recommendations will help the NPS to ensure the continuation of the opportunity for local rural residents to engage in the subsistence use of resources in Denali National Park and Preserve. The Commission did not submit any new formal recommendations; however the Commission submits the recommendations to the Federal Subsistence Board on wildlife proposals. During the October 28, 2017, meeting the Commission took the following actions on Federal Subsistence Management Program 2018- 2020 Wildlife Proposals:• WP 18-14: Extend wolverine season by 28 Days in GMU 11 and 13 to align Federal and State regulations.• WP-18-18: Extend moose season by 191 days for bull antlered moose in GMU 13.• WP18-19: Revise Federal registration permits for GMU 13 to allow Ahtna Intertribal Resources Commission to issue Federal permits to Ahtna stakeholders.• WP 18-51: Statewide proposal – Modify baiting restrictions to align with state regulations.At the August 28-29, 2018, meeting the Commissionmade a recommendation to write a letter to DOI to support local consensus on the topic of moose retrieval with ATV in the Cantwell Traditional Use Area at their next SRC meeting.The SRC and the Nenana Tribal Council suggested the Park support the following partnerships:• Share traditional knowledge with park interpreters (including JV staff) and the visiting public;• Engage Native partners in culturally significant projects;• Develop a video depicting Nenana peoples' traditional subsistence lifestyles.• Participate actively in annual Nenana "Culture Camp" that is scheduled for July;• Obtain moose date in the NW and Cantwell areas including outside the park boundary;• Offer interpretative bus tours for park staff and students to get more familiar with Nenana subsistence culture.

- Hire more local tribal people at the Park. Ideas for Projects: • Develop more integrated projects that look at things like climate, wildlife/large mammals, and changes in the ecosystems / habitat.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

9

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Commission did not make any new recommendations in FY 2018.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

78%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Information on Denali National Park may be found at: <http://www.nps.gov/dena/index.htm>